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Agricultural Summary: For the week ending August 15, 2004, the cooler temperatures have slowed crop development to near average while crop conditions continue to rate above last year and average, according to USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Some dryland crops are suffering due to a lack of adequate moisture. Producer activities included irrigating crops, finishing oat harvest, spraying for soybean aphids, and preparing for fall wheat seeding.

Weather Summary: Temperatures for the week averaged from 7 to 15 degrees below normals. Precipitation was statewide with amounts ranging from traces to over one inch.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable:
Nebraska, Week Ending August 15, 2004

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Topsoil				
Very Short	20	16	45	38
Short	43	32	34	29
Adequate	36	49	21	32
Surplus	1	3	0	1
Subsoil				
Very Short	36	31	44	41
Short	36	31	35	29
Adequate	28	38	21	30
Surplus	0	0	0	0
Days Suitable	6.4	6.3	6.7	6.1

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 15 fair, 44 good, and 36 excellent, above last year and average. Irrigated fields rated 83 percent good and excellent while dryland fields rated 75. This compares to 77 and 16, respectively, a year ago. Seventy-one percent of the acreage had reached the dough stage, ahead of last year at 64 but behind average at 73. Twelve percent had dented, behind last year at 13 and average at 24.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 19 fair, 51 good, and 24 excellent, above last year and average. Eighty-seven percent had set pods, ahead of last year at 79 and average at 82.

Sorghum condition rated 1percent very poor, 4 poor, 29 fair, 50 good, and 16 excellent, above last year and average. Seventy-five percent had headed out, ahead of last year at 69 but behind average at 77. Fields were showing color on 8 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year at 7 but behind average at 13.

Oat harvest progressed to 95 percent cut, behind last year at 96 and average at 98.

Dry beans condition declined and rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 33 fair, 43 good, and 8 excellent. Eighty-five percent of the acreage had bloomed, behind last year at 95 and average at 98. Forty-six percent had set pods, behind last year at 75 and average at 80.

Alfalfa conditions declined and rated 9 percent very poor, 19 poor, 26 fair, 33 good, and 13 excellent, above last year and average. Third cutting activities progressed to 59 percent harvested, ahead of last year and average at 58. Wild hay condition rated 9 percent very poor, 17 poor, 29 fair, 37 good, and 8 excellent.

Crop Progress : Nebraska, Week Ending August 15, 2004

Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average
Percent				
Alfalfa 3 rd Cutting	59	38	58	58
Corn Dough	71	45	64	73
Corn Dent	12	4	13	24
Oats Harvested	95	91	96	98
Sorghum Headed	75	58	69	77
Sorghum Turning Color	8	1	7	13
Soybeans Setting Pods	87	70	79	82

Crop Condition: Nebraska, Week Ending August 15, 2004

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					
Alfalfa	9	19	26	33	13
Corn	1	4	15	44	36
Sorghum	1	4	29	50	16
Soybeans	1	5	19	51	24

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range condition declined and rated 13 percent very poor, 21 poor, 32 fair, 28 good, and 6 excellent, but remained above a year ago and average.

This release is based on data from FSA county directors, county extension educators, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center. County comments and reports can be found at: http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/cmts_cur.htm. For those receiving an e-mail text version of this publication, a complete version including crop progress charts and precipitation maps can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ne/cropwthr/2004.htm>.

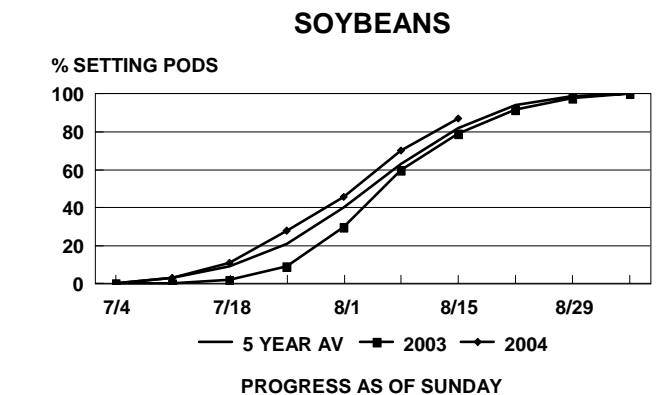
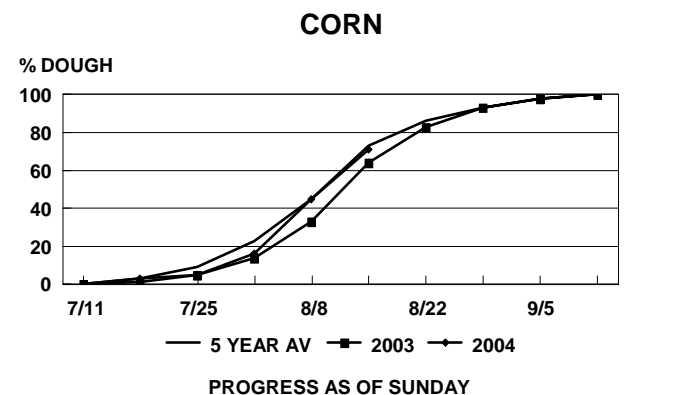


Figure 1 is a map of the state of Georgia, divided into counties. Each county is labeled with a numerical value representing the percentage of the population aged 65 and over. The values range from 0.00 to 0.75. The map shows a clear trend of higher percentages in the northern and western parts of the state, with the highest values (0.75) in the northwest and the lowest values (0.00) in the southeast.

Item	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.16	.32	.10	.55	.26	.28	.15	.72
Total since April 1	9.36	13.01	15.52	13.28	13.76	15.06	13.44	14.95
Normal since April 1	10.96	13.37	15.23	14.48	15.98	12.89	14.32	16.51
Total as % of normal	84%	97%	101%	91%	85%	116%	94%	90%

Temperature and Growing Degree Days: By Location, Nebraska, Week Ending Sunday, August 15, 2004

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Days Since April 15		
		Extremes		Average	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		High	Low					
NW	Alliance	87	38	61	-10	93	1635	1906
	Scottsbluff	90	42	64	-7	106	1782	1903
	Sidney	81	43	62	-10	91	1690	1962
NC	Ainsworth	84	45	62	-12	86	1811	2171
	Arthur	81	39	60	-13	84	1690	2079
	O'Neill	84	47	62	-12	87	1823	2216
NE	Concord	77	43	60	-15	75	1837	2287
	Elgin	80	46	61	-13	79	1857	2252
	West Point	79	43	61	-15	80	1972	2376
C	Grand Island	83	48	63	-12	89	2041	2242
	Lexington	82	51	63	-10	93	2113	2194
	Ord	82	47	63	-11	90	1950	2221
EC	Lincoln	82	46	64	-12	100	2260	2455
	Central City	78	49	62	-12	84	2053	2277
	Mead	80	42	61	-15	86	2113	2434
SW	Champion	84	42	63	-10	104	1897	2106
	North Platte	82	40	61	-12	88	1947	2139
	Curtis	81	43	62	-11	91	2029	2145
SC	Arapahoe	81	39	60	-13	86	1702	2075
	Minden	83	46	62	-12	87	2082	2220
	Red Cloud	84	49	65	-10	103	2202	2265
SE	Beatrice	82	47	63	-13	96	2232	2455
	Clay Center	82	47	62	-12	87	2046	2262
	Nemaha	82	49	64	-12	101	2311	2465

Source: High Plains Climate Center.

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